

THREE WILL RESIGN FROM CABINET OF ENGLAND, IS REPORT

Determined Opposition to Conscription Will Lead to Changes, London Hears.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Rumors that three members of the cabinet will resign because of their opposition to conscription gained wide circulation when the ministers met today to draft the government's conscription bill.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Reginald McKenna, President of the Board of Trade Walter Runciman, and Sir John Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, were the members mentioned.

Resignation of the three ministers was rumored earlier in the week, but it was later reported that Premier Asquith's conciliatory efforts had succeeded, and that none of the three would leave the ministry. The reports were suddenly renewed today and created a sensation in government circles.

Thus far there is no confirmation of reports that Lewis V. Harcourt has quit the ministry, though the rumor that he is to become secretary of India is credited in many quarters.

Three separate drafts of bills for compulsory military service were presented to the ministers at today's session. These embodied the views of each faction in the cabinet. One draft, said to be fathered by Lloyd-George, provided not only for the enrollment of unmarried men but contained provisions for drafting married men, should the government find this step necessary. The other two proposed bills contained less drastic proposals, providing only for service by unmarried men.

SCHOOLS AS SOCIAL CENTERS DISCUSSED

Plans for the use of school buildings as social centers were discussed at a conference between Commissioner Newman, Major Putnam, Prof. E. J. Ward, of the Bureau of Education, Miss Zona Gale, author of the stories of "Friendship Village," and Policeman W. S. Shelby.

Prof. Ward, who is the initiator of the school social center idea and was the founder of the movement in Rochester, and Miss Gale were much interested in the series of addresses to be made to the pupils of the public schools by Policeman Shelby. Major Putnam explained at yesterday's meeting that the purpose is not only to impress upon the pupils the necessity for caution in avoiding accidents, but to teach the children to regard the "cop on the corner" as a friend, and not an official to be feared.

Prof. Ward said he heartily endorsed the plan as in accord with the movement for the use of school buildings as places not only for the dissemination of knowledge from books, but as institutions where instructions along practical lines is given.

At the meeting Wednesday of the American Civic Association at which Miss Margaret Wilson presided, Prof. Ward and Miss Gale were two of the principal speakers.

BARRETT WARNS OF OLD WORLD HATRED

Urges Pan-American Union as Only Means of Meeting Menace From Oversea.

(Continued from First Page.) can building, and across the hall from where Mr. Barrett was speaking, the savants of the newly created Pan-American Institute of International Law, including men like former Secretary of State Elihu Root and other profound students of the subject, were at work perfecting the organization of a body the aim of which will be to create a creed of international law and justice which will command the respect of the rest of the world.

Considering Lansing's Plan. At the State Department and in the embassies and the legations of the Latin-American diplomats, negotiations were proceeding in line with Secretary of State Lansing's proposal of a new and stronger alliance of Pan-American powers.

In other parts of the city the same heaven was at work. Throughout even the most complex discussions of scientific subjects, there appeared to run a more or less tacit understanding that every force available to man must be employed to bind in closer agreement and understanding the countries on this side of the globe. Even at the conference of the Pan-American women in Continental Hall, the same spirit was manifest.

In his speech, Mr. Barrett said: "This Pan-American Congress may prove to be the most important Pan-American gathering that has been held in the history of the American Republics. While there is nothing in the word or spirit of this congress which is in any way antagonistic to Europe, it will be unquestionably a most powerful factor in cementing that new relationship of mutual interest and interdependence which has been growing with great rapidity in the last few years and especially since the outbreak of the European war."

"In the minds and thoughts of everybody interested in Pan-Americanism is the question: What is going to happen to Pan-America when this war is over? Immediately and instinctively there is the reply: The American republics must stand together to the extent that they may possibly develop. While every one would deplore any agitation or suggestion that a European nation or a group of European nations, following this struggle, should undertake any territorial aggrandizement in the Western Hemisphere, or in any way take action that would contravene the Monroe doctrine, it must be borne in mind, and cannot be for a moment overlooked that whatever was this war results there may be little or no love for the United States and the other nations which form Pan-America. Whichever group of nations wins in this mighty contest will say that it won in spite of the attitude of the United States and its sister American republics."

"No matter, therefore, how just and fair the nations of America may have been in their efforts to preserve their neutrality and in so way interfere on either side of this conflict, the war passions and the war power are the passions and the power of the victor group of nations may force a policy toward Pan-Americanism, toward the Monroe doctrine, and toward their relationship with individual countries of the Western Hemisphere, which will demand absolute solidarity of action on the part of the American republics to preserve their very integrity."

FORD PEACE PARTY ARRIVES IN DENMARK

Manager Cautions Pilgrims Against Extravagance Just Because Motor King Pays.

By CHARLES P. STEWART.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—The Ford peace party arrived in Denmark from Stockholm today on the last day of the cruise to "bring the boys out of the trenches."

Business Manager Gaston Plantiff hurried out to see shipping men about chartering a vessel to carry the delegates to The Hague. It is quite possible, however, that the party will accept Mayor Lindbaker's invitation and return to Stockholm for the peace conference. The Ford leaders have practically abandoned hope of obtaining Germany's permission for their passage over German soil enroute to The Hague from Copenhagen.

Plantiff has again voiced the peace pilgrims' aversion to money lavishly just because Henry Ford is footing the bills. Though Plantiff forced the delegates to pay their own laundry bills at Stockholm, the Grand Hotel, at Stockholm, handed him a bill for \$2,000 before the party left for Copenhagen yesterday. It was reported that Ford paid for a good many cigars and several quarts of champagne while the party was in Stockholm.

Elva Tyskberg, a Danish singer, and the wife of a retired publisher, have joined the party as Norwegian delegates.

Arranges Guests for Diplomatic Dinners

State Department Distributes Neutrals Tactfully Between Belligerents.

The delicate problem of how the foreign diplomats shall be seated at the two diplomatic dinners given by President and Mrs. Wilson during January has been solved by the State Department.

The department has sent the lists to the White House, to await the return of the President and Mrs. Wilson. After they have approved the arrangement, invitations will be sent out.

No hint of what disposition has been made of different neutral nations in distributing their representatives between the "Entente dinner" and the "Central powers dinner" is given out, but it is learned on good authority today that the State Department has decided to place A. Vouras, the Greek charge, at the "Entente dinner."

The first of the two diplomatic dinners will be held on January 21, when officials of the entente powers and a number of "neutrals" will be the guests of the President and Mrs. Wilson. Ambassador Jusserand of France and Mme. Jusserand will be the guests of honor, the French envoy being the dean of the Diplomatic Corps now in Washington.

On January 25, the second diplomatic dinner for representatives of the Central powers and a number of "neutrals" will be given. At this dinner, Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador and next in rank to Jusserand will sit at Mr. Wilson's right.

PAN-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW

General session of Congress, Continental Memorial Hall, 10:30 a.m. No meetings of sections. Reception tendered by the president and officers of the Cosmos Club to men who are members of the congress, 3 to 6 p. m. Reception by the governing board of the Pan-American Union, Pan-American Union building, to members of the congress and invited guests, 9 p. m.

Again Postpones Date For New Freight Rate

The Interstate Commerce Commission today postponed until April 1, 1916, the effective date of its orders relating to rates, rules, and practices, governing the transportation of anthracite coal from Pennsylvania mines to tidewater points. This is the third postponement. No reason for the continuance of present rates, rules, and practices is announced by the commission with the extension order. It is understood, however, the commission is considering an application for a rehearing of the case. The first postponement was made to give the carriers time to readjust their tariffs in conformity with the order.

Dance and Reception At Carroll Institute

The annual dance and reception given by Steward's Business College was held last night at the Carroll Institute. Several hundred students and alumni of the institution attended.

City Jail Deserted.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Dec. 31.—Chief of Police George Baldwin reported today that the city jail had not been occupied by any prisoners since September 27 last.

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably becoming unsettled and warmer Saturday; lowest temperature tonight about 32 degrees; light, variable winds.

Maryland—Cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably becoming unsettled Saturday. Light, variable winds.

Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Light, variable winds.

TEMPERATURES. U. S. BUREAU. AFFLECK'S. 8 a. m. 31 8 a. m. 34 9 a. m. 30 9 a. m. 35 10 a. m. 31 10 a. m. 36 11 a. m. 32 11 a. m. 37 12 noon 33 12 noon 38 1 p. m. 34 1 p. m. 39

TIDE TABLE. High tide at 2:25 a. m. and 3:24 p. m. Low tide at 9:11 a. m. and 10:18 p. m.

SUN TABLE. Sun rose at 7:15. Sun sets at 4:50.

Light automobile lamps at 5:26 p. m.

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